

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 11, 13, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Yoshida.

At the same time, claims 12 and 14 are allowed by the Examiner.

The Examiner's indication of the allowance of claims 12 and 14 has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this indication, these claims have been retained as they were.

After carefully considering the Examiner's grounds for the rejection of the claims over the art, applicants cancelled claims 11, 13 and 15 without prejudice.

The present application now therefore contains only allowable claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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